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Applicant:	Desinger, Kai	Examiner:	
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Title	Surgical Probe for Minimally Invasive Tissue Removal		

**Transmittal of Form 1449  
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37 C.F. R. §1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner under the terms of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of either the filing date of a national application or the date of entry of the national stage, or because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

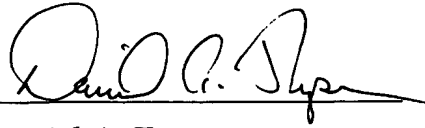
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